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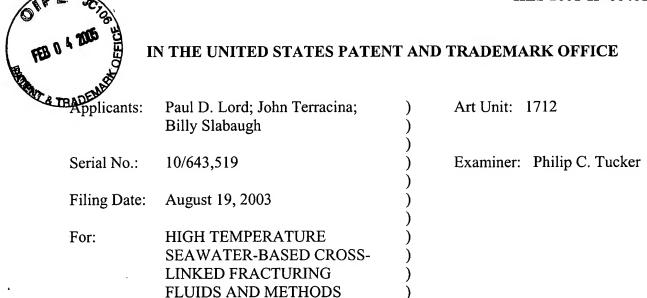
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The Office Action mailed on December 23, 2004, and the references relied upon by the Examiner have been carefully reviewed. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.